

# VIEWPOINT



## VOLUNTEER HALTON NEWSLETTER

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Public health measures continue to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19: handwashing, wearing mask, and social distancing. New measures now establishing a COVID-19 workplace vaccination policy and the introduction of [vaccine passports](#) from the Government of Ontario. [Halton Region's Medical Office of Health](#) has recommendations on establishing a policy for your workplace.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission provides [Q&A on Covid-19 and Ontario Human Rights Code](#) on their website, and [Volunteer Canada](#) provides resources for volunteer management during COVID-19 on their website including information on risk management and liability.

### PAVRO IS A VIRTUAL HOST SITE FOR THE VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT HYBRID CONFERENCE: October 20, 2021

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Real Impact for the Real World is the theme for this year's Hybrid Conference on October 20, 2021.

The Professional Association of Volunteer Leaders - Ontario (PAVRO) is a virtual host site for this year's event; here is an opportunity to learn with your volunteer engagement peers from across the province.

This live-streamed event consists of four 20-minute presentations with the speakers sharing an idea that we'll discuss as a group. This is followed by a facilitated discussion hosted by Faiza Venzant.

Tickets can be purchased through [PAVRO's website](#): \$50 for PAVRO members, \$70 for non-members.

### VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT HYBRID CONFERENCE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION: [REAL IMPACT FOR THE REAL WORLD](#)



#### SPEAKERS & SESSIONS:

**BREANA DORELUS**  
"TELLING THE TRUTH  
DURING VOLUNTEER TRAINING"

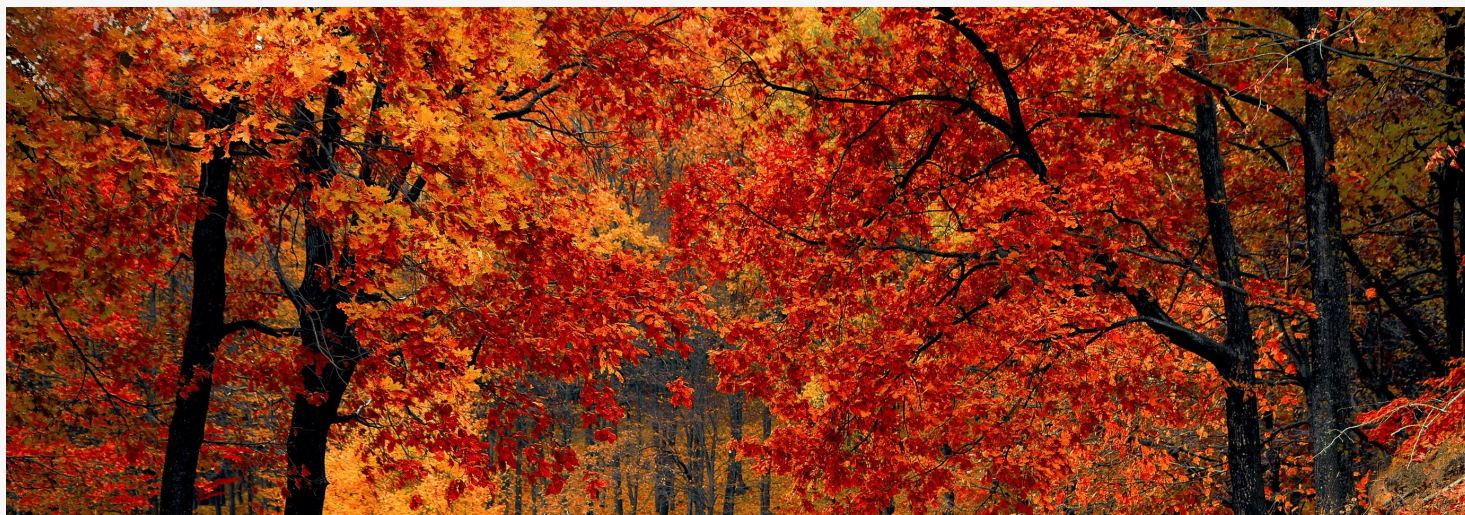
**SEAN KREYLING**  
"BEYOND THE MISSION: FROM  
DEI INTENTIONS TO DEI ACTIONS"

**SUE CARTER KAHL**  
"PUSHING BACK ON  
PRIVILEGE IN VOLUNTEERISM"

**TANYA HANNAH RUMBLE**  
"THE LANGUAGE OF  
INCLUSION"

HOSTED BY FAIZA VENZANT, CVA





## Ontario Volunteer Centre Network

Did you know that Volunteer Halton is a member of the [Ontario Volunteer Centre Network \(OCVN\)](#)? OVCN is the collective voice for Volunteer Centres and volunteerism in Ontario. OCVN's member Volunteer Centres serve over 300 communities across Ontario with volunteer referrals or matching services, hosting programs and workshops, advocating, supporting, and promoting the voluntary sector.

## Let's Connect!

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## SOURCES & RESOURCES

Things to know to help you and your organization grow

Each month I will share some sources and resources selected to support your professional development and/or to address needs or issues your organization may be facing.

COVID-19 has impacted how we do business in the nonprofit sector, especially in how we work. Many leaders of volunteers continue to work remotely; this means that the people we serve and the volunteers who deliver programs are also engaging remotely. Here a few low-cost or free tools tech tools to work effectively online:

**Online Chat:** This is a powerful way to connect whether you are across town or just down the hall. Using online chat is a great tool for quick interactions. A few platforms to look into include: [Microsoft Teams](#), [Slack](#), and [Google Chat](#). Set up 'channels' for your teams or specific projects. Be sure to set up some guidelines for usage to keep this a useful and management communication tool.

**Creating Community:** Setting up private online communities are low-cost (or free) ways to bring volunteers and staff together to build and support teams. Check out [Rallyhood](#), [Facebook Groups](#), [Gather](#) and [Circle](#). Host a social, conference, or set up regular check-in meetings with remote volunteers. When selecting a tool, check to see how it might integrate with tools you are already using.

**Managing Projects:** Consider using an online tool such as [Asana](#), [Google Sheets](#), or [Trello](#) with your next special event committee to keep all aspects of a project in one place to track assigned tasks, due dates, and updates.

